directors have been appointed in the Public Sector Banks of which 17 belongs to OBCs/SC/STs/Minority/OBC Minority Community. A persons, once appointed as part-time non-official director is required to sign a deed of covenant to discharge his responsibilities to the best of abilities, individually or collectively. The deed of covenant also ensures that there is no conflict of interest.

Devious methods used by companies to increase share values

1933. SHR1 ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

whether Government is aware that certain companies plant fake stories in the media in order to increase their share value;

if so, the details thereof; and

what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (c) The listing agreement mandates the company to inform the Exchanges of all the event which have bearing on the performance/operations of the company as well as price sensitive information including announcements of financial results, important developments, shareholding pattern, etc. The Exchanges monitor the various disclosures made by the company.

It has been noticed that several companies deny news reports published by various media in respect of its activities/plans when the Exchanges seek clarification of the same from the companies. The Exchanges have been advised to write to the companies advising them to take up the matter with the respective editors of the newspapers to confirm the factual position if it were at variance with the newspaper report. Also, the Exchanges have been advised to put up the clarification of the companies on their web sites.

Target set by Banks under PMRY

11934. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

the targets set to provide self-employment to youths under the Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana during the last three years, State-wise;

whether the target set to provide self-employment to the unemployed has been achieved in conformity with the target set by the banks;

the steps taken against those banks which could not achieve the target; and

if not, whether the same would be considered by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) The details of State-wise Plan Targets (Physical) under the Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) during the last three years are given in the Statement. *{See* below).

Yes, Sir. During the year 2004-05 the achievement was nearly 99.3 per cent of the Plan Target, whereas in the next two years it exceed the Plan target.

and (d) The progress of the scheme is constantly reviewed by the Government and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

instructions are issued by the Reserve Bank of India to the implementing banks for achieving the target under PMRY.

Statement

The details of State-wise Plan Target (Physical) set and disbursement made by Banks under PMRY

Sl. No.	State/UT 2	2004-05 Target 3 < (physical)	2004-05 No. of case disbursed 4	2005-06 s Target] i (physical 5	2005-06 No, of case disbursed)	2006-07 s Target ihysical) d 7	2006-07 No. of cases isbursed 8
1.	Haryana	5100	7755	5303	9610	5480	11460
2.	Himachal Pradesh	3000	2853	3557	3015	3744	3480
3.	Jammu and Kashmir	2000	639	1588	544	1461	728
4.	Punjab	4600	8372	4083	8142	4236	8356
5.	Rajasthan	9100	12919	9328	14509	9579	15233
6.	Chandigarh	300	206	351	107	491	48
7.	Delhi	4500	819	5179	700	5457	588
8.	Assam	7500	8256	7387	6414	7643	4623
9.	Manipur	1500	387	1418	455	1475	258
10.	Meghalaya	400	568	361	568	370	455
11.	Nagaland	400	109	363	2379	373	978
12.	Tripura	1000	1747	1193	2139	1238	2673
13.	Arunachal Pradesh	200	440	173	462	178	327
14.	Mizoram	200	142	188	500	195	773
15.	Sikkim	100	32	66	31	67	38
16.	Bihar	16000	10396	16003	12136	16477	8011
17.	Jharkhand	6500	4804	6978	4660	7213	4892
18.	Orissa	7100	11339	6923	14264	7125	13932
19.	West Bengal	24000	37%	24574	4687	25449	3478
20.	Andaman and Nicobar	150	142	123	153	128	118
21.	Madhya Pradesh	14000	20642	13507	21265	13937	21299
22.	Chhattisgarh	6000	3276	5429	3700	5612	4128
23.	Uttar Pradesh	26000	42534	26248	40046	26929	43181
24.	Uttaranchal	2500	6637	2119	7584	2189	7163
25.	Gujarat	10000	6406	9579	6369	9859	6021

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
26.	Maharashtra	26000	21819	24614	24011	25439	20977
27.	Daman & Diu	50	4	19	14	20	4
28.	Goa	500	45	486	43	504	21
29.	Dadra&Ngr. Havel	i 50	22	27	24	27	6
30.	Andhra Pradesh	21500	22542	20767	22164	20261	16063
31.	Karnataka	12000	13931	11046	19377	11387	19463
32.	Kerala	17000	16553	18685	21507	18180	21487
33.	Tamil Nadu	20000	16902	21565	19717	21475	22052
34.	Lakshadweep	50	4	48	5	50	0
35.	Pondicherry	700	329	722	368	752	336
	Not specified		897		1397		889
	All India	250000	248264	250000	273066	255000	263539

General awareness campaigns by **financial institutions**

1935. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

whether the financial institutions are launching campaigns to generate awareness among the rural populace and empowering them to demand their rights;

if so, the details thereof during the last three years; arid

what are the future programmes of Government in this regard for the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) Financial Institution, Banks and regulators including RBI and SEBI undertake general awareness programmes on financial literacy from time to time focusing on both rural and urban populace of the country.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

Scrutiny of pre-IPO deals

1936. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT. Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has decided to take a serious view on pre Initial Public Offering (IPO) deals where companies have raised debts through issue of IPO convertibles;

if so, the details thereof; and

what benefits are expected by this exercise for exchequer and common man?